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## "The Fatherhood of God" and "The Brotherhood of Man"

By Evangelist John R. Rice

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"... They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God..."—Rom. 9:8.  
"Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:41-44.

Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven . . ." (Matt. 6:9). Now does Jesus mean that every person on earth is a child of God? Is God the Father of us all? Are all of us spiritually brothers? Those are serious questions and I will answer them tonight by God's grace from the Word of God.

### I. The Fatherhood of God

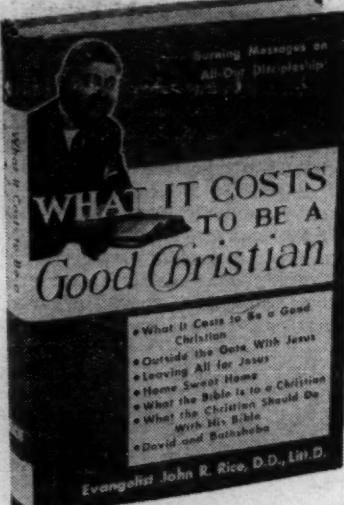
First of all, tonight I speak on the Fatherhood of God. Is God the Father of all men on earth?

#### 1. God Is the Father of Jesus Christ

A most important, wonderful truth for us is that God is literally the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. When the angel came to Mary, as recorded in Luke, chapter 1, he said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and . . . that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." Jesus is literally the Son of God. By a miracle, the Holy Spirit of God came upon a virgin girl, a woman who had no husband, a woman who knew not a man, and conceived in her womb this holy child Jesus. And Jesus came into this world a Son of God; a son of the woman, but not a son of any human father. By a miracle of God, Jesus Christ was born; and He is God in person, and the Son of God.

The Scripture takes this up in Hebrews, the first chapter.

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last (Continued on page 6)



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"... the word of the Lord. . . Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."—Zech. 4:6

By D. A. (Scotchie) McCall

#### And Daily

God STILL works daily. He is no absentee God. He does not go off on vacation. He never sleeps. Jesus taught us to expect Him to work daily, i.e. "Give us this day our daily bread."—Matt. 6:11. The disciples sought to meet the needs of the poor—and daily—Acts 6:1 (James 2:14-20).

Jesus taught us to take up our cross daily and follow Him. (Luke 9:23). The disciples DAILY worshipped and witnessed in the temple which Jesus had called His Father's house—a house of prayer (Acts 2:46, Matthew 21:12-14, John 2:13-25). "And DAILY in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and

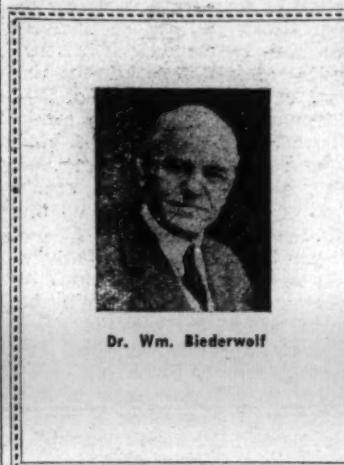
preach Jesus Christ."—Acts 5:42.

God's people were taught to "exhort one another DAILY, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."—Heb. 3:13. Jesus visited the temple daily for worship and teaching (Matthew 26:55).

God's people were to gather the manna every day (Exodus 16:4). God's people were to offer every day a bullock for a sin-offering for atonement (Exodus 29:36). Two lambs were to be offered day by day, one in the morning and the other in the evening (Exodus 29:38; Numbers 28:3-8).

God's people are told to be

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Dr. Wm. Biederwolf

## Where Is Your Name Recorded?

By William Edward Biederwolf

"And the books were opened."—Rev. 20:12.

This is one of those passages of Scripture that rises up to meet you as you approach it, and instead of reading through it and passing on as you do with the more ordinary passages, you stop and draw back a bit, realizing that what is before you is the introduction to something so divinely awful and so solemn that mortals like ourselves can only hesitate and tremble.

In preparing for a revival there are many details that might well be looked after. However, there

are a few fundamentals guaranteeing success.

First, know you are saved by Him, and safe in Him.

Second, know the Word of God and go out with it.

Third, know the fulness of the Spirit and go out in His power.

Fourth, you will then have a desire to see lost people saved.

Fifth, you will then live among the people, bringing the lost to Christ.

Sixth, revival will result.

Seventh, cooperation with other spiritual Christians will enlarge the scope of revival.

This is not the only mention of books of this kind in the Bible. In Philippians 4:3, we read the "book of life" and we come more than once across the mention of a book which God has written.

It is plain from these passages that God has been employing a system of bookkeeping all His own and that He has been writing the story of your life and mine.

Some people write their own biography. Sometimes friends do it for them. But God has a better record than any man can write. And in God's record everything goes down. In these man-made records the bad is usually left out. Every once in a while we discover something about one of our greatest men that was never in his biography. But God's record is a perfect one. The good deeds are there, but the bad ones are there, too.

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### FRIENDS, BE PATIENT!

During the August Sale of Sword books, we received more orders than we ordinarily receive in three months time. We are working day and night to get your orders out to you. Please be patient!

### No Variableness

No variableness! With whom? Well, not with me; My heart is fixed; and I would faithful be: But yet, alas, I fail in constancy.

No variableness! With whom? Not e'en my friend,— The dearest one,—on whom I might depend Doth fail at times to rightly comprehend.

No variableness! With whom? Not e'en my friend: It is the statement of His blessed Word: And they who know Him best with this accord.

Thus unto Him, when shadowed or distressed, With all that would my inner soul molest, I'll go for pardon, comfort, peace, and rest.

And shall I find that He is just the same, E'en though, perchance, I have to come with shame? Ah, yes,—unchanged! Thrice blessed be His Name.

J. DANSON SMITH



## Put God and Revival and Soul Winning First!

We Are Asking Readers to Put First Things First For One Time, By Seeing That Big Gifts and Big Plans Are Made For Subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD During the Present Campaign

By the Editor

We do not minimize other Christian work. We believe that every Christian who is in a good sound church should support his pastor and his local church expenses. We believe that every Christian ought to give to some mission enterprises. We believe that Christians should help other good causes. At the same time, we are certain that God is more concerned about revival and soul winning than He is about a thousand other things that appeal for the Christian's time and work and prayers and giving. Now, we beseech you in Jesus' name, will you help us to put Christ and revival and soul winning first, by setting out to get large blocks of subscriptions to *The Sword*, or to pay for them yourself?

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thousands of preachers from modernism, and ministerial students whose faith in the inspired and infallible Bible would otherwise be wrecked. I believe we can turn thousands of Christians to soul winning who never won a soul to Christ. I believe we may set revival fires burning in literally thousands of churches, if God's people who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD will put Christ and revival and soul winning first, one time, and together help us make a good big pull for subscriptions. It will take work, it will take announcements in the churches,

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## Seventh-Day Adventism

By Wm. C. Irvine and A. McD. Redwood

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISM, Christian Science, and Theosophy have one thing in common at least—they all had hysterical, neurotic women as their founders! Mrs. Ellen G. White was the founder of the "ism" of this article, though she got her cue from one William Miller of Low Hampton, N. Y., U.S.A. Concerning Mrs. White, "Dr. William Russell, a chief physician in the Seventh-Day Adventist Sanatorium at Battle Creek, long a Seventh-Day Adventist, wrote in 1869 that Mrs. White's visions were the result of a diseased organization or condition of brain or nervous system." Dr. Fairfield, likewise an Adventist, and for years a physician in the same Sanatorium, wrote in 1887 that he had no doubt that her visions were "simply hysterical trances. Age itself had almost cured her." (A. J. Pollock, *Seventh-Day Adventism*.) We may well pity the poor woman in her ill-health, but we cannot be sentimental about the seriousness of her teachings, which amount to blasphemy and are directly opposed to the Word of God.

Mrs. White's standard work is *The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan*, which has run through several editions. This contains an authoritative account of the Seventh-Day Adventist teaching. Of this book, however, (Rev.) D. M. Canright (who was intimate with her for years) writes in his volume *Seventh-Day Adventism Renounced*: "She often copies her subject-matter without credit or sign of quotation from other authors. Indeed her last great book, *The Great Controversy*, which they laud so highly as her greatest work, is largely (mainly in its historical parts) a compilation of Andrews' *History of the Sabbath; History of the Waldenses*, by Wylie; *Life of Miller*, by White; *Thoughts on Revelation*, by Smith, and other books." The Pastors' Union of Healdsburg, California, investigated the matter and published many instances of her plagiarisms." In spite of such facts, however, the publisher's preface reads, "We believe she has been empowered by a Divine illumination to speak of some past events which have been brought to her knowledge with greater minuteness than is set forth in any existing records, and to read the future with more than human foresight!"

Such a genesis is not very reassuring. In religious matters at least, one expects to find the source for new light coming from a more lofty and spiritual plane. A stream never rises higher than its source; and if this stream of a "new faith" is no higher in source than represented, it does not augur well for subsequent developments. Alas, we do not need to go very far into the depths to find out the muddy and unwholesome character of this that is called Seventh-Day Adventism. William Miller, the progenitor, was found out to be a very false and dangerous prophet, but this much can be said of him—that he stopped short after repeated failures in his own line, from going into the wholesale theories and vapid imaginings advocated by the later Mrs. White, albeit these new theories were built upon his discarded foundation!

We indict Seventh-Day Adventism on four main counts, leaving out lesser (though none the less false) theories.

### Attitude towards Atonement

Seventh-Day Adventism denies the Biblical Doctrine of the Atoning Sacrifice of Christ as the only means of man's salvation.

This is the first serious indictment. We shall prove it from Mrs. White's own writings, so that we may not be accused of misrepresentation or exaggeration:

The ministration of the priests throughout the year in the first apartment of the sanctuary (which sanctuary Mrs. White places in heaven and not on earth!—Ed.) . . . represents the work of ministration upon which Christ entered at His ascension. . . . For eighteen centuries this work of ministration continued in the first apartment of the sanctuary. The blood of Christ, pleaded in behalf of penitent believers, secured their pardon and acceptance with the Father, yet their sins still remained upon the books of record.—*The Great Controversy*

Can it be unreasonable for us to inquire, What in the name of all that's reasonable does this mean? Sins pardoned and yet still on the books!

(a) *Seventh-Day Adventism denies the finality of the work of Christ on the cross*, hence it makes Christ's last cry on the cross, "It is finished," to be a lie!

As in typical service there was a work of atonement at the close of the year, so before Christ's work for redemption of men is completed, there is a work of atonement for the removal of sin from the sanctuary. This is the service which began when the 2,300 days ended (according to Mrs. White this was in the year 1844)! Evidently the nineteenth century was more wonderful than we had imagined!—Ed.) At that time, as foretold by Daniel the prophet, our high priest entered the most holy to perform the *last division*, of his solemn work to cleanse the sanctuary . . . in the new covenant the sins of the repentant are by faith placed upon Christ, and transferred, in fact, to the heavenly sanctuary . . . so the actual cleansing to cleanse the sanctuary . . . in the new covenant the sins of the mortal, or blotting out, of the sins which are there recorded. But, before this can be accomplished, there must be an examination of the books of record to determine who, through repentance of sin and faith in Christ, are entitled to the benefits of His atonement. The cleansing of the sanctuary therefore involves a work of investigation—a work of judgment. Those who followed in the light of the prophetic word saw that, instead of coming to the earth at the termination of the 2,300 days in 1844 (as Prophet William Miller had so dogmatically and widely proclaimed.—Ed.), Christ then entered into the most holy place of the heavenly, to perform the closing work of atonement preparatory to his coming.—Ibid.

We have given this extended quotation on purpose to show a fair specimen of Mrs. White's writings and teachings. Here then are the facts—William Miller prophesied that Christ would come (hence the name Adventist) in 1844, but He did not! So Mrs. White steps in to save the situation. A mistake has been made—it was not to earth but to the "heavenly sanctuary" He came. Why? Her fertile imagination was equal to the question—to complete the work of atonement, and to carry on something she calls "investigative judgment," all preparatory to His coming to earth at some later date! She assumes therefore; (i) there is a sanctuary in heaven, though the Bible says nothing about it being in heaven; (ii) there is sin in heaven, though the

Bible says nothing about it; (iii) that in some mysterious way not explainable the sanctuary has to be a kind of "mediator" and bear the sins of the believer for at least a time; (iv) this sanctuary needs cleansing nevertheless; and (v) this cleansing and investigating began in 1844. We find it difficult to decide whether to be shocked at its rank heresy, or to pity the one who can write such balderdash. But there is worse ahead.

### Satan the Sin-Bearer

*Seventh-Day Adventism declares Satan to be the joint sin-bearer, and the vicarious substitute of the sinner.*

It was seen also that while the sin-offering pointed to Christ as a sacrifice, and the high priest represented Christ as Mediator, the scapegoat typified Satan, the author of sin, upon whom the sins of the truly penitent will finally be placed. When the high priest by virtue of the blood of the sin-offering removed the sins from the sanctuary, he placed them upon the scapegoat. When Christ, by virtue of His own blood, removes the sins of His people from the heavenly sanctuary at the close of His ministration, He will place them upon Satan, who in the execution of the judgment must bear the final penalty. The scapegoat was sent into a land not inhabited, never to come again into the Congregation of Israel. So will SATAN be forever banished from the presence of God and His people and he will be blotted from existence in the final destruction of sin and the sinner.—*The Great Controversy*.

Dr. D. Anderson-Berry gives but a just estimate of this rigmarole in his book when he says:

We have the choicest doctrine of the Gospel, justification by faith, utterly condemned and set at naught. Nay, more, as if that were not enough to damn their doctrine, they dare to substitute for Christ's finished work on the cross, SATAN's vicarious suffering in bearing away the sins of the people of God into a land of utter annihilation. It does not lessen the blasphemous grossness of the idea to say that it is wholly imaginary, the figment of the addled brain of a hysterical woman. It merely explains it!

If ever there was a "damnable heresy" (see 2 Peter 2:1) surely it is here! Mrs. White professes to found all this teaching on Leviticus 23 and the book of Daniel. We confidently hand both books, yea, the whole Bible itself, to any mature, sane-thinking Christian and challenge him to find anywhere in the whole sixty-six books of the Divine Library, one jot or tittle of evidence or proof (set forth according to fundamental and eternal principles of exegesis), for such consummate trash. It seems an insult to offer such stuff for the serious consideration of a reasonable mind.

With this, compare the following few texts (selected out of a vast number) from the Word of God itself, and then ask yourself, reader, which you are prepared to believe and stake your soul's destiny upon.

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

"The blood maketh atonement for the soul" (Lev. 7:11).

"Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:19).

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree" (1 Peter 2:24).

"Made peace through the blood of His cross" (Col. 1:20).

"Made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13).

"He that believeth on Him is not condemned" (John 3:18).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

"Justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

"The blood of Jesus Christ His (God's) Son cleanseth us from ALL SIN" (1 John 1:7).

### Christ's Humanity

*Seventh-Day Adventists teach that the Lord Jesus Christ inherited a sinful, fallen nature.*

It may surprise and pain the reader to learn that the above

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## Noteworthy NEWS+Notes



### World Premiere of "Twice Convicted" Held

The film of the life of Fred Garland, has just been released under the title, "Twice Convicted."

At its world premiere in the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, July 25, over 3,000 persons saw the hour-long picture. Noel Reyburn takes the part of Fred Garland and gives superior performance. Sectional premieres of the film are now being held in cities across the nation. The film was produced by Good News Productions, Incorporated, Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.

### Bob Jones Sr. Making World Missionary Tour

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Bob Jones University, is currently making a six-week world mission tour which will take him to France, Italy, Palestine, Pakistan, India, the Philippine Islands, Formosa, Japan, Korea, and the Hawaiian Islands to visit some of the approximately two hundred Bob Jones University graduates and former students now serving on mission fields around the world.

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statement is actual FACT. If such is a foundation-stone on which the Seventh-Day Adventist church is founded, how can it stand? Such is not the Christ we have learnt to know—not the Holy Lord of Holy Writ.

The following extract, taken from one of their own publications—*Bible Readings for the Home Circle*, makes this astounding statement (p. 115, 1915 edition):—

In His humanity Christ partook of our sinful, fallen nature. If not, then He was not "made like unto His brethren," was not "in all points tempted like as we are," did not overcome as we have to overcome, and is not, therefore, the complete and perfect Saviour man needs and must have to be saved.

In other words they say, If you do not accept our teaching on the "sinful, fallen nature" of Christ, you have no Saviour! This writer continues:—

The idea that Christ was born of an immaculate or sinless mother,\* inherited no tendencies to sin, and for this reason did not sin, removes Him from the realm of a fallen world, and from the very place where help is needed. On His human side, Christ inherited just what every child of Adam inherits—a sinful nature. On the divine side, from His very conception He was begotten and born of the Spirit. And all this was done to place mankind on vantage-ground, and to demonstrate that in the same way everyone who is "born of the Spirit" may gain like victories over sin in his own sinful flesh. Thus each one is to overcome as Christ overcame (Rev. 3:21). Without this birth there can be no victory over temptation, and no salvation from sin, John 3:3-7. (Their italics.)

Let us examine somewhat carefully the above teaching.

The Scripture tells us that we are partakers† of God's holiness (Heb. 12:10); God and Christ are one (John 10:30); yet above we

are assured that Christ "bore the sins of our sinful, fallen nature!" What a contemptuous denial of Scripture! Are we not distinctly told that He was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners?" How could He be at once "holy" and "undefiled" and at the same time "partake of our fallen nature;" inherit what we as sinners inherited, and yet be "without sin" ("sin apart," R. V.; see Heb. 7:26; 4:15)?

After publishing the above quotation with these and other comments in *The Indian Christian* for January, 1927, we received a letter from the Editor of *Oriental Watchman*, the official organ of the Seventh-Day Adventist people in India, in which he sought to explain the teaching which he says is "orthodox to the very core!" We can only give short extracts as the letter covers more than five type-written pages. He says:

I wish to affirm definitely just the contrary of your conclusion by saying that if Jesus did not take our fallen nature in His own person (his italics) by His incarnation, fallen humanity is left without a saviour . . .

There was but one kind of humanity in the world that Jesus could have taken, and that is fully described in Romans, chapter three, where Paul describes it as sinful and fallen, and beyond all hope if left to itself.\*

He who was holy and undefiled had sin imputed unto Him. The sinful nature which He bore was not that which came by the sins of His own doing, for it is written of Him: "Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth" (1 Pet. 2:22), but they were the sins of imputation—sins committed by others which were laid upon Him. He also quotes 2 Cor. 5:21, and draws attention to Isaiah 53.

So, then, we are to understand that Christ carried the burden of imputed sin His whole life long, not only on the cross, for it was

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\* He apparently does not know that: "Sin is no property of humanity at all, but the disordered state of our souls" (Fausset).

W. Kelly says: "Not a trace of

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# WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

**EVANGELIST OSCAR WELLS** concluded a two-week's series of meetings in the Beaverdam Baptist Church, Bedford, Virginia, September 7, and reports wonderful results. Rev. F. A. Brumfield, pastor of the church for 30 years, says this was one of the greatest outpourings and most refreshing meetings during his long ministry in the church. There were 40 professions of faith made during the two-week period, not including the many who were reached in the homes through the visitation program; many others rededicated their lives to the Lord. Pastor Brumfield says, "... I heartily recommend Evangelist Wells as a man of God. If you really want revival, then I recommend that you get this man of God. His deep-sighted messages will be a challenge to any church..."

**EVANGELIST EDDIE WAGNER** was the preacher in a series of youth-led meetings in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, August 24-31. Rev. K. Owen White, pastor, writes: "... There were some 25 additions to the church and scores of rede-

dicates and other decisions. Several young people responded for life service. The leadership of the meeting was placed almost entirely in the hands of the young people... One feature of the meeting was the showing of the Dr. Billy Graham picture, 'Mr. Texas.' The response to the invitation was good..."

**EVANGELIST BILL PIPER**, Greenville, South Carolina, a good friend and promoter for The Sword of the Lord, sends a notice of his itinerary schedule for revival meetings during the remainder of this year. His schedule is:

October 5-19—CBMC and all churches sponsoring meeting in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania.

October 26-November 9—Minnetonka Union Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

November 10-23—Ross Memorial Congregational Church, Port Huron, Michigan.

November 30-December 14—First Baptist Church, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

Be sure to attend the meetings of Evangelist Piper when he is in your vicinity.

## Heresies Exposed

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at His birth He inherited His human nature. Again if Christ inherited a sinful, fallen nature, when did He disinherit it? Do they teach that He who is the same yesterday and today and for ever, has taken His "sinful, fallen nature" to God's right hand?

That every now turn to orthodox *"Scofield"* at this point. Dr. T. M. Hartman of New York says of Christ:—

He was begotten of God from the seed of the woman, by and through the Holy Ghost. That which was begotten was not a person, but a nature—a human nature. This human nature was holy, Scripture calls it "that Holy Thing." It was the holiness produced by and out of the Holy Ghost. It was the holiness produced by and out of God. It was, therefore, in its quality the holiness of God. Since its quality was the holiness of God, there was no sin in it, and no possible tendency to sin. This holy, sinless human nature was indissolubly joined to the eternal personality of the Son.

Dr. Griffith Thomas on Romans 8:3\* says: "Observe the wonderful fulfilment of this verse. Thus we have the Deity of Christ, 'His own Son,' the Incarnation 'in the likeness of sinful flesh,' that is,

\*Rom. 8:3 is nicely balanced. "Sinful" necessitates "likeness." "Sinful flesh" would have meant that He Himself had needed a Saviour. "Likeness of flesh" would have meant that the Humanity of the Saviour was unreal—later the Docetic heresy (C. F. Hogg).

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evil was in Christ. He was man as truly as the first Adam—Son of Man as Adam was not, but Son of Man which is in heaven—a Divine Person, yet none the less a Man. But for these very reasons He was capable and competent, according to the glory of His Person, to be dealt with by God for all that was unlike Him in us. Had there been the smallest taint in Him this could not have been done. The perfect absence of evil in this one Man furnished the requisite victim; as in Himself and all His ways the divine nature found satisfaction and delight. Would He then bear all? Be willing to go down to the depth of the judgment of all men, according to God's estimate of the evil of our nature? The entire, unbroken, unmitigated judgment of God fell upon Him in order to deal with it and put it away for ever. No less, I believe, is the force of Christ's death for us."

He was like us in all things except sin—Christ's flesh was not sinful, never the seat of sin; and His atonement 'for sin,' which means 'as an offering for sin'."

Dr. C. I. Scofield says: "Our sins were borne 'in His body,' but not in His nature."

Were the teaching of the Seventh-Day Adventist church true we would have a monstrosity—Deity inheriting a sinful nature!

If this could have been so there could have been no sinless sacrifice, no hope for sinners, no Saviour. And how could it have been written: "The prince of this world cometh, and hath NOTHING IN Me" (John 14:30). Further the Scripture says, "In Him Is No SIN" (1 John 3:5)!

### Soul-sleep

Seventh-Day Adventism believes in Soul-sleep after death and Conditional Immortality.

This indictment will not take up much of our time, as we deal with both these heresies elsewhere in this booklet (see separate articles). Mrs. White says:—

Upon the fundamental error of natural immortality rests the doctrine of consciousness in death, a doctrine like eternal torment, opposed to the teaching of the Scriptures, to the dictates of reason and to our feelings of humanity.

The theory of eternal punishment is one of the false doctrines that constitute the wine of the abominations of Babylon. . . . They received it from Rome, as they received the false Sabbath.

Will the Seventh-Day Adventists explain then why Paul could use such language as, "Absent from the body, present with the Lord"; and, to be with Christ, which is FAR BETTER? Will Mrs. White tell us what "natural immortality" means, and who is so foolish to preach it, when we see thousands dying around us every day? Will Mrs. White or any of her disciples dare to set up "the feelings of humanity" against the plain Word of the Living God—"These (i.e., sinners) shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal"? (See the article on Soul-sleep).

### The Sabbath

The fourth indictment is that Seventh-Day Adventism tries to force the believer back under Law and so away from Grace, by their Sabbath teachings.

As the Seventh-Day Adventists materialized the sanctuary in heaven, they were forced to materialize everything. So besides

an actual sanctuary in heaven, with candlesticks, curtains, table of showbread and ark, they were forced to add within the ark the two tables of stone, and call upon all to put themselves under the law. Mrs. White at first refused to believe that the Fourth Commandment was more binding than any other. Elder Bates urged its great importance until Mrs. White had a convenient vision, in which she asserted she was taken to heaven, and shown the sanctuary and its appointments! A description of her vision is given: "Jesus raised the cover of the ark, and she beheld the tables of stone on which the ten commandments were written. She was amazed as she saw the Fourth Commandment in the very centre of the ten precepts with a soft halo of light encircling it."

The Adventists have found a handle for their teachings in the erroneous way Christians speak about the first day of the week (the Lord's Day) as if it were the Sabbath.

The Adventists claim that Christians being still under the Law of Moses, are bound to keep the "least of its precepts," and therefore must keep the Sabbath. They also state that Protestants acknowledge that the Roman Catholic Church, away back in the year A.D. 364, at the Council of Laodicea, changed the Sabbath or Seventh day to Sunday or the First day. Neither statements are tenable when judged in the light of Scripture and early Church history.

1. The Sabbath was given as a "sign" and "perpetual covenant" between Jehovah and Israel, as is most clearly stated in Exod. 31:12-18. The ten commandments, of which the law of the Sabbath is the fourth, were written with the finger of God on tables of stone. These commandments are called "the ministration of death" and "the ministration of condemnation," "written and engraven in stone" (2 Cor. 3:7, 9), which ministration, the Holy Spirit tells us, is "done away" and "abolished" (vers. 11, 13), and in its place we have "the ministration of the Spirit" and "the ministration of righteousness" (vers. 8, 9). Hence in Colossians 2:16 we read, "Let no man therefore judge you . . . of a sabbath day" (R. V.), see also Rom. 14:5, 6. Again we read in Colossians 2:14 that the "handwriting of ordinances" was "blotted out" and "nailed" to Christ's cross (as of old, bills were nailed to the doorpost when paid), for Christ has fulfilled the law on our behalf, met its every claim.

Further, Scripture emphatically teaches our position of freedom from the law, e.g., "Ye are not under the law but under grace" (Rom. 6:14; see also Rom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 5:18); indeed the Epistle to the Galatians was written to establish this very thing. The rebuke given to those who sought to bring the Gentile converts under the yoke of the law as given in Acts 15, still holds good for legalizers, such as the Seventh-Day Adventists: "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?" (v. 10).

The Adventists say:—

Christ further declares that whosoever breaks even so much as one of the least of the precepts of the law . . . shall be called the least . . . in the kingdom of heaven." See Signs of the Times (Extra No. 15, p. 50).

If this still holds good, why do Adventists ignore circumcision? Again, if Christians are bound to observe "the least of the precepts of the law," why did the great Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15), when writing to the Gentile converts, declare their freedom from the law, and write of those who had sought to make them keep the law, as those who "troubled you with words subverting your souls" (v. 24)? If the keeping of the Sabbath was to be observed, why was it not enjoined here? Why was it never enjoined to believers in a single passage of the New Testament?

Before going further it might be well to note how the Sabbath was to be observed. Someone has put it thus:—

It was to be kept from sunset

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to sunset (Lev. 23:32). If within twenty-four hours any burden was carried (Jer. 17:21), any fire kindled (Exod. 35:3), any cooking done (Exod. 16:23), the Sabbath would be broken; the penalty for which was death (Num. 15). Were this law

observed by Adventists they would all quickly be exterminated, as the above rules they consistently break. How very inconsistent he is who preaches to others to keep the Sabbath when he does not keep it himself.

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self. Surely this man's religion is vain.

### Moral and Ceremonial Law

D. M. Panton has well said:—An honest, if uninstructed, error is very prevalent among the Churches of Christ, and affords the Seventh-Day Adventist the fulcrum for his lever. It is said that the ceremonial law, and the civil law of Israel, have been abolished but not the moral law, and that the Sabbath as occurring in the Decalogue, is part of the unrevoked moral law of God. But (1) most remarkably no inspired writer ever makes any such distinction between "moral" and "ceremonial" law; the ceremonial law (*e.g.*, Lev. 19) contains laws as purely moral as any in the Decalogue, and had we been delivered from the ceremonial, while remaining under the moral, Paul would most surely have said so—an utterance he never makes. (2) The Sabbath, in its nature, is itself a ceremonial law: the moral law is all law which appeals to the conscience, and needs no written revelation; but as to which day to observe, or whether to observe any day at all, conscience is silent. If we are to distinguish between the moral and the ceremonial law,

on the ground that one is passed, and the other still in force, then—as the Sabbath is purely ceremonial law—it is passed. But the most important point still remains. (3) I, as a Christian, obey all law that is moral in the Decalogue, not because it is in the Law, but because it is in the Gospel. Worship of God only is enjoined fifty times in the New Testament; idolatry is forbidden twelve times; profanity four times; honor of father and mother is commanded six times; adultery is forbidden twelve; theft six; false witness four; and covetousness, nine times. "The Ten Commandments," as Luther says, "do not apply to us Gentiles and Christians, but only to the Jews." So therefore, Paul, in all his fourteen epistles, never once names the Sabbath—except in a single passage where, classing it with the entire law, he declares it has been totally abolished. So the early Church held.

### Seventh and First Days

Now as to the second claim, viz., that at the Council of Laodicea the Roman Catholic Church changed the Sabbath from the Seventh to the First day. Whatever may have happened at that

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Council, we submit that the Sabbath was not changed. For no decree of man could or can change God's covenant. What did take place, so far as we can learn, was "to in a manner quite abolish" the observation of the Sabbath for Christians. That is, that they made it illegal for Christians acknowledging the sway of Rome, to observe the Sabbath as their day of worship. But let it be well noted, large numbers of Christians were at that time, and long before, observing the first day of the week as their day of worship. The assertion of the Seventh-Day Adventists is entirely misleading as is proved from the following extracts:

(i) THE EPISTLE OF BARNABAS about A.D. 100.

"Wherefore, also we keep the eighth day with joyfulness, the day also on which Jesus rose again from the dead."

(ii) THE EPISTLE OF IGNATIUS: A.D. 107.

"Be not deceived with strange doctrines, nor with old fables, which are unprofitable. For if we still live according to the Jewish Law, we acknowledge that we have not received grace. . . . If, therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer

## Del Fehsenfeld Re-enters Evangelism

By the Editor

We are glad to announce that Rev. Del. A. Fehsenfeld has resigned the pastorate of the Berean Baptist Church, Kansas City, Kansas, to re-enter the field of full-time evangelism in which he has labored through most of his nineteen years in the ministry. Berean Baptist Church has grown happily and vigorously under the leadership of Brother Fehsenfeld. The new building was built, two additions have been added, many have been saved under his leadership. But ever-increasing calls for revivals indicated that God was getting him ready to re-enter the evangelistic field. He already has engagements for October, November, and December, and, as soon as his availability is known, he will doubtless have more calls than he can fill, as he has had in the past.

Brother Fehsenfeld has had successful pastoral experience in First Baptist Church, Conway, Missouri, pastor of Fair Park Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, where there was a tremendous growth in the church with hundreds of converts baptized, and now in the Berean Baptist Church, in Kan-

sas City, Kansas, where he has spent three years. He has been this year president of the pastors' conference for the Kansas State Convention of Southern Baptists, serves on the state committee for evangelism, is on the executive board of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. He is well-versed in the Sunday School methods and organization plans used so successfully by Southern Baptists.

Brother Fehsenfeld has had wide experience in both union campaigns and one-church meetings. He is a man of faith and vision, bold and powerful in his preaching, popular and successful. His doctrinal position is the same as that of the Sword of the Lord. He takes an out-and-out stand against sin. He is prayerful, brotherly, effective. We commend Brother Fehsenfeld unreservedly, and feel sure he will be kept busy in blessed revival campaigns, some of them very large union campaigns, God willing. Those who wish to contact Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld may write him at Berean Baptist Church, 4300 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, Kansas.

Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations for a perpetual covenant" (Exod. 31:16)?

There is no necessity to "show" or teach the Jewish believers that they "must" not "keep the Sabbath" as if the

Gospel made the non-observance of the Sabbath rest compulsory or a condition of true

discipleship. . . . When more fully instructed, and as he grows in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, he will be brought to see for himself that the Jewish Sabbath has no significance in this dispensation and in relation to those whose calling is a heavenly one, and whose destinies are bound up not with time but with eternity. . . .

"And on the day called Sunday all who live in cities or in the country gather together in one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read. . . . But Sunday is the day on which we all hold a common assembly, because it is the First day of the Week on which God . . . made the world; and Jesus Christ our Saviour on the same day rose from the dead."

(iv) APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTIONS: Church life in the 2nd Century.

"On the day of the resurrection of the Lord—that is, the Lord's Day—assemble yourself together without fail, giving thanks to God and praising Him for those mercies God has bestowed upon you through Christ."

(v) IRENAEUS: A.D. 155-202.

"The Mystery of the Lord's Resurrection may not be celebrated on any other day than the Lord's Day, and on this alone should we observe the breaking off of the Paschal Feast."\* (Our italics all through).

As a matter of fact, the first day of the week—the Lord's Day—was selected not in place of the Sabbath, but as a day in which to celebrate our Lord's death and resurrection. As a writer has well said: "It is a day of thanksgiving and liberty to the Christians, and a day which they delight in regarding as unto the Lord (Rom. 16:6). It is the Lord's Day, as John called it in Rev. 1:10. On that day Jesus rose the Head of a new creation. On the Lord's Day He appeared to His disciples. On the Lord's Day the Holy Ghost was given. On the Lord's Day the door of the kingdom was unlocked and 3,000 souls entered in. On the Lord's Day the disciples came together to break bread in remembrance of Him (Acts 20:7)."

### Jewish Believers

In answer to the following question, *The Witness* (Scotland) gives the accompanying lucid reply from the able pen of the late David Baron, one of the most eminent and learned of Jewish believers:

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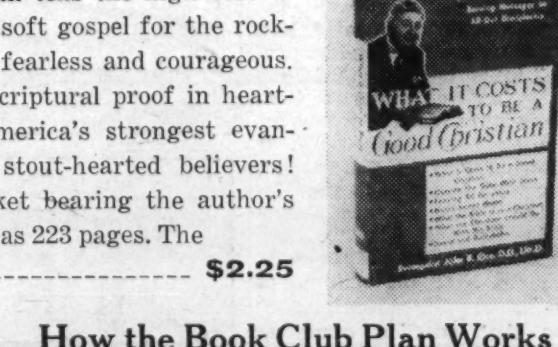
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## "The Fatherhood of God"

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days spoken unto us by his Son . . .”—Heb. 1:1,2a.

And again, verse 5,

"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, [quotation from the second Psalm] this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"

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Verse 6 says,

"And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him." Jesus Christ deserves worship as God, just as truly as the Father. In verse 8,

"But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

God the Father said to the Son, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." Jesus Christ is God.

Back in Isaiah, the Scripture tells some words about the coming Saviour. And it is prophesied of Him,

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: . . . and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isa. 9:6. Jesus is "the mighty God." Jesus is God as much as the Father is God. Jesus is as worthy of worship as the Father is worthy of worship.

Jesus Christ has all judgment given into His hand. He will judge for the Father and instead of the Father.

Jesus is the Creator. We sometimes speak of God the Father as the Creator. That is a mistake, unless you mean that in the same sense that the Father and Son and Holy Spirit are one and all partake of it. The truth is, we are plainly told that God did all His creation through the hand of His Son. "All things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3). Everything was made by the hand of Jesus Christ. The whole world began when Jesus was with God in the beginning. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God" (John 1:1,2).

Jesus Christ: Jesus, the human name; Christ, the divine and eternal name before the world began—Jesus was with the Father. He is the only begotten Son of God, has the same nature as God, is as good as God, as wise as God, as righteous as God, as holy as God, as merciful as God! He is the express image of the person of God (Heb. 1:3). When you pray to Jesus, you pray just like you pray to the Father. And He is as worthy of worship and praise, and in every sense partakes of everything that makes God deity. Jesus is the Son of God. Praise the Lord for that! Jesus Christ is the Son of God, our Father in Heaven. He is the Son of God—literally so.

Now we do sometimes hear people say that Jesus did not claim to be the Son of God. Nothing is clearer in the Bible than that He claimed to be the Son of God. For that, we are told that the Jews sought to slay Him because He claimed that God was His Father, and made Himself to be equal with God (John 5:18).

When the Jews said to Him, "Why, Abraham's dead. Why, do You mean that You are as old as Abraham?" Jesus answered, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58).

What does He mean? He means that He is the God who appeared to Moses and said, "Moses, go back and tell My people that I AM hath sent you" (Exod. 3:14).

Jesus said, "I am the One—I am the One who called Moses and spoke out of the burning bush. I am the One who created the world. I am the One who called Jacob back to start the nation Israel." Jesus said, "I AM."

Jesus is God. He is the only begotten of the Father. He is the unique Son of God, which means that He is the Son of God, not like other men are, but as no one else ever

was or could be—Jesus, the Son of God. The first great fact about the Fatherhood of God is that He is the Father, in a unique sense, of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 2. By Nature Men are Creatures of God But Not Children of God

The second thing the Bible teaches about the Fatherhood of God is that while He is the Creator of all men, He is not the Father of all men in any spiritual sense. Now men were all created by God. Back in Genesis, chapter 3, verse 20, "Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." That means that every man, woman, and child on the earth is descended from the same source, the same parents, the same Mother Eve.

Again over in I Corinthians, chapter 15, the Bible tells us plainly that "as in Adam all die." What does that mean? That means that every person here is descended from Adam, and so every person here has inherited the taint of Adam's sin. Every person in the world is full of sin. There are not several species of men in the world. There is one race of men as far as our source, our origin is concerned. Black man, white man, yellow man—everybody came from exactly the same source. Back from Noah and his three sons was the earth populated. And before then, from Adam. In Acts, chapter 17, verse 26, Paul is preaching at Athens in Greek. Paul says to the people that God "hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." All the people in the world are of one blood.

Now men are made by God. Does that mean that all men are the children of God? There never was a more foolish statement, and it has been widespread everywhere, that all men are the children of God. All that can mean, to honest men who know the Bible, is that men are the creatures of God, are created of God.

You say, "I know that I'm a child of God because God created me." Then a cow is a child of God in exactly the same sense that you are, for God created the cow, too. If you mean we are creatures of God, that we are the offspring of God, that we are His invention, that He has the patent on us, that He made us, that He owns us—that is right. But you may own an automobile without it being your child. You may make a toy without it really being your child. God made men, that is true. But there is not any spiritual sense in which we are the children of God by nature. By nature men are not children of God.

What do I mean? I mean that the whole race of men is a fallen, sinful race. There is nothing in the Bible made clearer than this. The Bible says that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" In Isaiah 53:6 we read, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way..." In Romans, the third chapter, the Scripture says, "There is none righteous, no, not one... They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one," not one good person on the earth.

A man came to Jesus one time and said, "Good Master [the word he used was 'rabbi,' 'professor,' 'teacher'] what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "Why callst thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God."

Jesus did not mean He was not good. He meant, "If you think I'm good, don't call me 'rabbi.' Call me God Almighty in human form. Call me Son of God and Savior. Call me the pre-existent Christ. Call me what I am—the holy begotten of the Father. Don't call me 'rabbi' and say I'm good. If I'm just a rabbi, rabbis are not good. Professors are not good. Preachers are not good. Men are not good. I am God in human form. You can call me good if you call me God. There is none good but one—that is, God."

We had as well face the fact

that the whole human race is a race of sinners, a fallen race, a degenerate race. Now let me say a word to my post-millennial friends, my a-millennial friends, all who are trying to correct the world, and trying to make the world a better place in which to live. Now I am for you when you try to put down sin. I am for you in trying to vote out liquor. I will tell you what I would do: I would vote out this socialistic, pro-communistic, this pink, red New Deal administration that has gotten its tentacles on common people, and bribing you with jobs and taking other men's money that they earned and giving it to you, to plow up crops, to keep you from earning money and to buy the votes of you farmers and buy the votes of you who labor. I would vote out this ungodly, heathen, New Deal, socialistic, pro-communistic gang. I am for making the world better.

But you had better face the fact that you are not going to make it all right. This world is doomed! The race of mankind is a wicked, fallen race, alien from God. Oh, what men need is new hearts! The only way we are ever going to fix this world for Jesus Christ is to have Him come in person and clean out the Devil-possessed sinners and take charge. Now this world is a bad world. If you have not found out that, then you are a babe in the woods.

### 3. Unconverted Sinners Are "Children of This World," "Children of Disobedience," "Children of Wrath," "Children of the Devil"

The Bible clearly teaches that all men by nature are sinners. We are not the children of God, but what the Bible calls unconverted people by nature, what the Bible calls "the children of this world" (Luke 16:8). The Devil is the god of this world. And lost sinners are "the children of this world."

What does the Bible call unconverted people? They are "the children of wrath" (Eph. 2:3). God is love. We who are the children of God, love God. God puts love in our hearts. So those who are the children of God are children of love. Those that are the children of the Devil are children of wrath. The lost world, unconverted people, are children of this world, children of wrath.

Unconverted people are "children of disobedience" (Eph. 2:2; Col. 3:6). Is not that what the Bible says again and again? Men are "by nature the children of wrath," by nature estranged from God, by nature strangers from God, by nature "dead in trespasses and in sin," spiritually dead. If you are unconverted, you are not akin to God, but akin to your father, the Devil. We are plainly told, in Romans 9:8, "...They which are the children of the flesh, these ARE NOT the children of God..."

Now that question came up with Jesus. Jesus talked one time to some people who claimed to be God's children. They had this idea of the universal Fatherhood of God. Jesus talked to the Pharisees. These people must have represented some of the leaders of the National Council of Churches. These people must have represented some of the bishops of all denominations joined together. See what Jesus said to these people who believed in the universal Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man!

"And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world."—John 8:23.

Now some people say, the modernists say, that Jesus was a good man, maybe even the best man who ever lived. But they say He had some deity in Him, and we have some deity in us. Modernist, you are a liar! You know you are not of God. Jesus said, "I am from above, you are from beneath. I am from God, you are not from God." Now I read a little further,

"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." —John 8:24.

Skip on down a few verses, down to verse 41. Jesus is speaking to the same people, the folks who

drove Him to the cross, the folks who crucified Him. They were religious people who believed in the universal Fatherhood of God. The same people hate Jesus now if you press Him as the all-authoritative Saviour. If you press Him as the only way to God, if you say that everybody must bow the knee, if you say that Jesus is the virgin-born Saviour and the Judge of all the earth, and God in human form, that crowd that talks about the universal Fatherhood of God hate Him now!

Anybody who says that all men are by nature the children of God is trying to put Jesus down on the level of man, and put other men up on the level with Jesus Christ. It is a little Jesus and a big humanity. That is what the Devil's crowd, the modernists, want. Here is what Jesus said in verse 41:

"Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God." See, they are claiming to be children of one father—God. "We have one Father," they said.

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word."—John 8:42, 43.

Lost man, you say, "That sounds like foolishness to me." That is right. That is because you are the Devil's child. You are not even spiritually alive and you do not have the Holy Ghost in you to teach you. You cannot even understand spiritual truth. Spiritual things are spiritually discerned. You are spiritually dead. You say, "I don't like that." You do not like that because you are not of God. Listen again.

"Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the

truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin?"—John 8:43-46a.

Does anybody here want to take up that challenge yourself and say, "I can prove Jesus Christ sinned"? All right, do you give up? Well then, does anybody here want to stand up and say, "You cannot convince me of sin"? Give me a few minutes, brother, and I will give plenty of witnesses to that. Is your wife here? It would not take me long to do that. "But if I say (Continued on page 7)

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## "The Fatherhood of God"

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the truth, why do you not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's word. Ye therefore hear them not because ye are not of God." If you find anybody who does not believe the Bible, that man is not of God. That is the trouble. That is what Jesus said. Go back to verse 44, "Ye are of your father the devil." Who is this? Drunkards? Who is this? Harlots? Who is this? Criminals? These are church people. These are people circumcised the eighth day, bringing tithes into the temple. They keep the Sabbath, pray in public. These are the main church people. They say, "We have a father. Our father is God."

"No," Jesus says, "you are of your father the devil."

Now I do not care if you are a deacon, I do not care if you are a preacher, if you have not been supernaturally regenerated, if you have not had a miracle we call, and Jesus called "the new birth"; if God has not by His Spirit come in to make you a new man, put in you a heart of flesh instead of that stony heart; then you are a child of the Devil! You are not a child of God. People are not by nature the children of God.

The Lord was good to Mrs. Rice and me. He gave us six wonderful baby girls. What a joy and comfort these girls are to me! They all love the Lord. They all have long hair, and look like Christians. They do not wear pants, do not dress like men. They do not go to

movies, nor dance, nor smoke cigarettes. They are happy Christians. They win souls. They sing. They are youthful, godly, good Christian girls, and they are very popular. I thank God for my children. Now let me tell you a sad thing: every one of them was as mean as the Devil when they were born.

You say, "My, but aren't babies beautiful little things?" Yes, they are beautiful.

You say, "Aren't they attractive?" Yes, they are attractive.

You say, "Don't you love them?" Yes, I love them very much, but by nature they are as mean as the Devil. When they are two weeks old, if just you take hold of one and hold his head so he can't look the way he wants to, he will yell bloody murder.

As soon as they are old enough to talk, they lie. When Satan moves one of them, she will reach over and take the other girl's dolly and beat her over the head with it, and run off with it. Children are sinful by nature.

Do not misunderstand me. I did not say they went to Hell or would have gone to Hell had they died when they were babies. I think babies are kept by the grace of God. "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." But every last one of them has the taint of sin.

One time Eve held a little baby in her arms, rocked him and said, "I've gotten a man from the Lord." That baby turned out to be a murderer. Every child in this world has the seed of sin and death and Hell in him. Children of the Devil. "Ye are of your father the devil." Children of wrath, children of disobedience, children of this world. That is what the Bible says. Everybody in this world is a child of the Devil until he has a new heart given him by the miracle of God's grace when he is converted, when he is born again. People are not by nature the children of God. They are by nature the children of the Devil, children of wrath, children of this world, children of darkness, the children of disobedience, the children of

**4. Born-Again Christians Are Children of God**

Here is another blessed truth. Born-again Christians are the children of God. In the first chapter of John, Jesus said,

"He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the [children of God] sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."—John 1:11,12.

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"Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."—John 1:13.

Born of God when you put your trust in Jesus Christ! Again in John, the third chapter, the same thing is taught. Jesus said to Nicodemus,

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."—John 3:3.

Then He said,

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3:5.

And then He said in verse 7,

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

"Ye must be born again!"

The Bible says, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be." Oh, the wonderful things ahead! I do not know all about them, but, bless God, I know what I am already. I am already a born-again child of God. I am a son of my Father in Heaven. I am a brother of my Elder Brother, Jesus Christ. I am a partaker of the divine nature, the Bible says. The Bible even says that His seed remains in me, so that this new nature, this new-born nature, cannot sin (I John 3:9). Oh, I must struggle as Paul did—"When I would do good, evil was present with me," but I am a child of God.

I am born of God, and so have the blessed Holy Spirit. "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Something in

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Christian. And his seed remains in the Christian, and the nature of God. We are partakers of the divine nature, Peter says. So, it is a wonderful thing to be born of God. I feel like saying, "My heavenly Father, my Daddy!"

There are some people who say, "I don't think you ought to get too intimate with God." They think we ought to be austere in our approach. They think we ought to be very formal like we were approaching the King of England. But I do not feel that way about my children. Somebody has said to me, "Dr. Rice, I know people who say, 'Dear, dear Jesus.' They say, 'Dear, sweet Jesus.' They say, 'My precious Saviour.' Don't you think that is too intimate? Don't you think that is too personal?" Let me tell you how I feel.

I am pretty hardboiled. Everybody thinks I am a sharp preacher, that I hurt people's feelings. I crack down, so they say, "Well, my children must all be afraid of him and hate him." No, they do not. They like me very well, and I put up with them pretty good, too! We get along very nicely. I like my girls. Yes, sir. When they were little the high chair was always set by my plate, and I fed them. When I came home from meetings, I had good-night prayer with them. It was "Daddy this" and "Daddy that." The first thing everyone of my six daughters learned to say was, "I love Daddy." I just kept working at that, and teaching that.

I used to ride along in the car with my children. When each one was a little bit of a girl, she would stand up in the seat beside me and put her arm around my neck. She would play with my ear or pat me on the head and say, "My sweet Daddy! My sweet Daddy!" Do you think I was insulted? Well, no, I managed to take that very well!

Because it was God who put love in her heart for her Daddy. God puts that love in my heart for my heavenly Father. The word, "Abba," is not just the rather austere, formal "My Father"; it is "My Daddy, my Papa," or whatever you call your father, is that familiar and intimate Aramaic word here. "My heavenly Daddy."

Thank God, I am a child of God; and God makes me feel like a child of God. I have the destiny of a child of God, and I am going to be up with God. It is a wonderful thing to be born again.

Let me say another thing about that. I have learned to treasure all the people of God. Somebody said, "Brother Rice, do you know much about this Winebrunner group of the Church of God you are with this week?"

Not too much, but I like them. They love Jesus Christ, believe the Bible, and are under the blood. They say, "I've been saved, brother," and shake my hand. God bless you. I am a Baptist. But I would rather have Christian fellowship with a Catholic priest who can say, "I love Jesus Christ. He is my Saviour. I believe He was born of a virgin. I believe He arose from the dead, after paying for my sins on the cross as my Saviour"—I say I would rather have fellowship with a Catholic priest who can say that, than with a Baptist who is a modernist. I thank God that I can say with the psalmist, "I am a companion of all them that fear thee." I thank God that Jesus said, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold."

I have preached all over the country, and in Canada. I have preached to immigrants, and I have preached to colored people, etc. Thank God, it just feels the same everywhere, when people know the Lord Jesus. Is not sweet (Continued on page 8)

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## "The Fatherhood of God"

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fellowship with born-again Christians wonderful? Yes, I am a brother. If you are born again, then you are my brother.

I brought to this country a colored boy from British Guiana, a little country north of Brazil, in South America.

His name is John Thompson. He talks like an Oxford graduate. His language is very British. I brought him to this country, and, with the help of some friends, put him through Moody Bible Institute. He is doing good work now as assistant pastor of a church in Chicago. To this colored boy, before he came to this country I said, "If you come, you will have to listen to my counsel. I will not be responsible for your schooling unless you treat me as if I were your father and jump when I tell you to jump. I will not bring you over here and let you go your way." He talked it over with his father and his good old Christian father, black as a coal, down in South America, said, "Yes, son. If you go, you must count Dr. Rice your father and ask him about everything." And his good old mother said so, too. (Both his father and his mother have gone to Heaven since John has been in this country.) John Thompson came to this country. He calls me "Father," and he takes very seriously those holy vows. He is thirty years old now. He has been thinking about getting married. Sometime ago he called me on the phone, and wanted to make an appointment so I could meet his girl, a Chicago school teacher, and pass on her.

Some years ago in a Mississippi River flood thousands of colored people were crowded out of their homes in the Louisiana bottom land. They were gathered into large temporary camps and I went and preached among them. Colored people like my preaching be-

cause they can understand my language. We had a good time. I preached and they wept and shouted the praises of God. After the service, a good many of them crowded around, colored preachers and others, to shake my hands.

While they were crowded around, one talked to another, and I heard him say, "That man has got a white face, but he sure has got a black heart," by which he meant that I understood and loved colored people, and that I was a brother to those born-again Christians, as I was. A child of God is anyone who is born-again. Any-one who is a child of God is my brother.

### II. "The Brotherhood of Man"

Now I must hurry on to the last part, the brotherhood of man. All saved people are brethren.

#### 1. Saved and Unsaved Are Not Brothers, Spiritually

But not all people in the world are brothers. Do you think a Christian is a brother to an unsaved man? Turn to II Corinthians, and let us read the Word of God that lives and abides for ever.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." Why not? "For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" Now here is a lost man, unrighteous in his nature. You are a saved man who has the righteousness of God put in his heart, a partaker of the divine nature. "For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?" (II Cor. 6:14, 15). Here is a saved person—he has Christ in him. Here is a lost person—he has the Devil in him. That is why no Christian ought ever, under any circumstance, marry a lost person.

Let us see again. Are all people, are lost people and saved people brothers? Are the modernists and the fundamentalists brothers? You people in the denomination—are you to support the missionary program and the colleges and the denominational bosses who do not believe Bible? Are you to put your money in that way? Is your influence to be on that side? Second John, verse 9, 10, and 11.

"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God."—II John 9.

It is a sin. Do not do it. "Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" The word "infidel" here is simply "unbeliever." It does not mean an atheist, but simply one who has not trusted Christ. "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God." The other man—the Devil lives in him. And in you, if you are a Christian, God lives. If you are a Christian, God is in you. "Ye are the temple of the living God." God has said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them..." (II Cor. 6:17, 18).

You have no business to take unconverted people into the church. You have no business in a lodge, and yoking up with bloody oaths by tying yourself to people who are unconverted. If you are converted you have no business marrying somebody who is unconverted! I am not talking about what church. I am talking about saved and lost. It is light with darkness yoked, which is unequal. It is the Devil and Christ yoked, and that is unequal. That is wrong, the Scripture says.

But it says, "Come ye out and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (II Cor. 6:17, 18).

Let us see again. Are all people, are lost people and saved people brothers? Are the modernists and the fundamentalists brothers? You people in the denomination—are you to support the missionary program and the colleges and the denominational bosses who do not believe Bible? Are you to put your money in that way? Is your influence to be on that side? Second John, verse 9, 10, and 11.

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Someone says, "I don't believe in the virgin birth."

Somebody says, "I don't believe in the inspiration of the Bible."

Somebody said, "I don't believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus."

Do you know what is wrong with him? "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ [now not incidental doctrines but the doctrines concerning Christ] hath not God."

He is not saved. If a man is wrong on the deity of Jesus Christ, the virgin birth, the blood atonement, then he is not a Christian. He does not have God. So what would you do about it? "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (II John 9-11).

Why are you not to receive him into your house? "Because he is not of God," he is not your brother. He is a child of the Devil. He is going the other way. He is on the other side. He is a different kind of a person. He is darkness. You are light. He is the temple of idols. You are the temple of God.

He is the temple of Belial. You are the temple of Christ. So do not have him in your house. Do not say, "God bless you." Do not say, "Here is an offering." Do not say, "Come and eat dinner with me." You just pray for him like any other old sinner.

Are all the people in the world brothers? No. A lawyer called me on the telephone when I was pastor of Dallas and said, "Dr. Rice, I just can't believe that God would send one of His children to Hell. Why, I wouldn't send one of my children to Hell, no matter what he did."

I said, "God doesn't send His brothers to Hell either. It's just the Devil's children that God sends to Hell. Why should God look after the Devil's children."

You look to your own Daddy. The Devil's children go to their own Hell. They made the way for it. "The wages of sin is death." That is where they belong. They have no claim on God. They are not children of God. They would not let God make them sons. They would not let God change their hearts. They would not let God change their natures. They are children of wrath—and that is their choice.

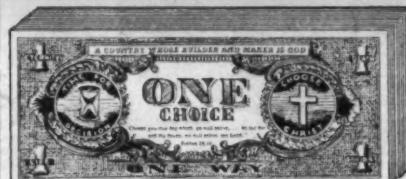
Only those who have been born again are brothers. Should we love people? Yes, love sinners everywhere; weep over them, pray for them, preach to them. But do not call them your brothers, do not count them spiritually your brothers, do not yoke up with them, do not support them in their false doctrines.

#### 2. Christians Are Brothers of the Lord Jesus

Now let us see then another verse. Did you know we are brothers of the Lord Jesus? What a wonderful truth this is! Brothers of the Lord Jesus! The Scripture says very plainly in Hebrews 2, verses 10, 11, and 12.

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The Lord, by His death on the cross, paid our debts, set us apart for God for ever. That means he sanctified us. But the one who does the sanctifying, and the one who gets sanctified are one. "And he is not ashamed to call us brethren," the Scripture says, "Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee."

We are going to have a wonderful song up in Heaven. Jesus Christ will sing a solo part of it. He is going to sing it with His brethren in the church. He is going to call all of us His brethren. Jesus Christ, my older Brother. Jesus Christ, my Brother, and yours, if you are a child of God. In verse 17, "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren . . ."

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barrassed about it. I've promised, and I can't do it. I won't promise you anything, Lord. But my friend keeps telling me that You give fellows new hearts. If You've got a new heart, I wish You would give me one. I sure need a new one. This old mean wicked heart has gone so far in sin. If you would give me a new heart, I wish you would." He got up from there and went on his way.

A day or two later, he dropped something on his finger and crushed it and had to go to the doctor. It was very painful. The doctor put some medicine on it and dressed it. Then he got to thinking, "That's funny. I didn't cuss. What do you know about that? That's the first thing that ever happened to me that I didn't cuss about. Come to think of it, I haven't cussed for three days!" God gave him a new heart. He said, "I haven't cussed since. Didn't want to." He drove me down through southern Missouri, and he said, "That Honky Tonk there I used to drink there." Then again, "I used to get drunk with the boys over here." He drove down the road and he turned to me, tears running down his face, and he said, "Brother John, I just thank

God I don't want it any more. I just thank God I'm not interested. I have something so much better." Born-again, a new heart, a child of God! You see? God help you.

Do you want to be a child of God? Do you want to be born of God so you can say, "God is my Father and Christians are my brethren. Jesus is my Saviour, my Elder Brother. I'm headed for Heaven"? Oh, the inheritance prepared of God for His sons! Do you want that? You can have it if you will turn to Christ.

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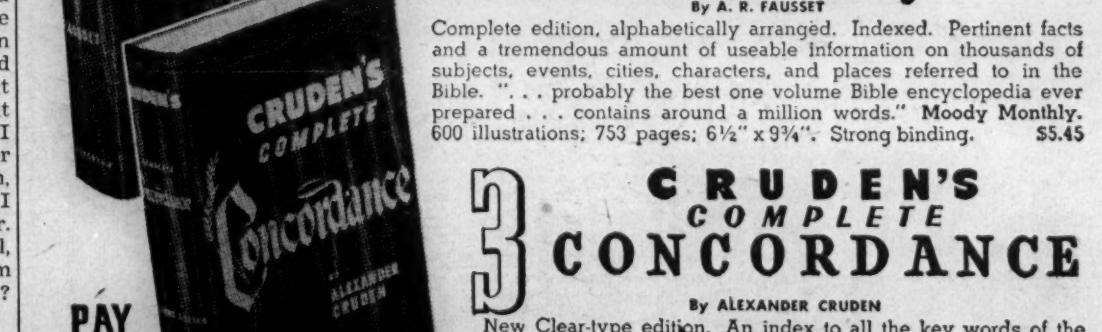
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nigh unto Him at all times; day and night, He helps them to the end that all peoples of the earth may know He is God (I Kings 8:59-61).

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David appointed spiritual servants to minister continually and every day before the ark of God (I Chronicles 16:37).

In the following references we have the DAILY emphasis: II Chronicles 8:13, 14; 30:21. Psalm 42:3. Ezra 3:4. Nehemiah 11:23; Jeremiah 52:34. Ezekiel 43:25; 45:23; (3:4). Luke 16:19.

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—Acts 4:31.

They prayed as they died:

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

—Acts 7:59.

They prayed as a habit (Acts 3:1 and 10:9). They prayed for their fellow servant who was in jail (Acts 12:5-19). They prayed as they sent out Spirit-filled workers (Acts 13:3). They prayed as prisoners in jail (Acts 16:25). The hearts of women in prayer were made ready for accepting Jesus (Acts 16:12-15). Would it not be fine if the same prayer practice so characterized the meetings of both men and women today instead of a few minutes of hurried formal prayer, lots of talk, a bit of let-up, and ah, sometimes gossip?

Third, they expected things to happen. They were told to "wait" and something would happen (Luke 24:46-53). Folks today would "come out" if they expected anything to happen. However, they know the form of the service—Doxology, prayer, hymn, announcements, offering, special song, sermon, invitation, benediction—nothing happens. Dry as dust, without salt or rain. Thank God for pastors, evangelists and churches who are blessed of God in seeing things happen for Him. Not much happens in a cemetery. Things are rather "dead" there.

Fourth, they preached Jesus (Acts 2:14-47). "They preached" (Acts 4:2; 5:42; 8:4, 5, 12, 25, 35, 40; 9:20; 10:36, 37, 42; 11:19, 20; 13:5, 24, 38, 42; 14:7, 15, 21, 25; 15:21, 35, 36; 16:6, 10; 17:3, 13, 18; 19:13; 20:25; 28:31). God gave results! People were saved! Churches were organized and strengthened. Christians lived, and worked for Jesus, and gave money to the spread of His Gospel.

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## Where Is Your Name Recorded?

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One time I saw the details of a sinister plot thrown on the canvas by means of that marvelous invention, called the cinematograph, which means "the writing of movements," and gives us our moving pictures. Every action of this wicked conspirator, from the time he planned his unholy work until the dastardly deed was consummated, was there in what seemed to be living reality. And I thought, as I came away, that some such panoramic record of my actions and the deeds done in my body are being taken by the cinematographic processes of God.

I have heard, as you all have, the world's master voices in marvelous life-likeness through the phonograph, which means "the writing of sound." And I have thought if a man can do a thing like that, what a perfect record God must have of every word which has fallen from your lips and mine.

No one has yet come along with a mentalographic instrument for the writing of thought, but I went one day to see an exhibition of what was called mental telepathy, and the master of the occasion, who professed to know another's mind, told me exactly what was in my own, told me of the purpose of a journey I was making, and much of the detail incident to it. How it was done, I do not know. I went outside shaking my head, as some of you may be shaking yours, for there is so much fraud in the world that connoisseurs must forgive the common run of us if we are sometimes just a bit skeptical.

But mental telepathy has come to the place where we must at least offer it our respect. And I thought as I went out, if a man can really do things like that, shall we marvel when God is really making a record of the very thoughts of our minds, the very desires of our hearts, and the very purposes of our souls?

The Fisk Jubilee singers used to sing:

"He sees all we do,  
He hears all we say."

(And they might have added: "He knows all we think.")

"My God's a-writing all the time."

No wonder the psalmist prayed, "Search me, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me."

God is keeping books. He is making a record of your life and mine, and what I would have you know now is that one day the books will be opened, and you and I will be there to face the

records. Before us, in panoramic reality, the past will live again and by it we are to be condemned or justified.

God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness. The time is coming in the future, when as Peter says, "The heavens shall pass away with a great noise and the elements shall melt with fervent heat." In that day the Son of God, who is now before the throne interceding for you, will rise and lay aside His mediatorial robes and stand before you as your judge. He will take the books, and in that awful hour, while Heaven's music is hushed and all the elements of earth and air, and vaulted sky tremble with a sense of their coming dissolution, draw back. With fearful sense of guilt before His all-searching eyes that pierce you through and through, you will see Him open the books upon which your name will be written, and the things for which God is going to judge you.

### I. The Things You Should Have Done, But Left Undone, Will Be Found Written in the Books

A young soldier on picket duty deserted his post long enough to gather a few violets to send to his sweetheart. While he was gone a spy slipped through the lines and discovered that General Grant's forces were much smaller than the Confederate general across the river had supposed, and the Southerners attacked and captured the position. Later the soldier who had left his post for an hour to pick flowers was shot. He was not shot for gathering violets for his sweetheart, but for not guarding his post. He was condemned to death, not for what he did, but for what he did not do.

The Bible says, "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it is sin." It is just as wrong not to do what you know you ought to do as it is to do what you know you ought not to do. "And the books were opened."

### II. Then the Things Which You Have Done, But Which You Ought Not to Have Done, Will be Found Written in Those Books

First. Your words will be there. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12:36).

"Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh," and the words that fall carelessly and thoughtlessly from the lips are the ones that reveal the real nature of our hearts.

I preached a searching sermon one night on sin and hit out pretty hard on a great many of the common ones. I thought I had covered the ground pretty well, and at the close a sanctimonious looking woman swept by and said, "Well, I'm thankful what you said doesn't apply to me." "Well," I said, "you're a very good woman," and as she walked away I remarked, "What a wonderful creature she must be." Some of the ladies had stood by and overheard it all, and I said, "Who is that woman?" "That woman, why," they said, "she's the worst old gossip in town."

I had forgotten to say anything about gossiping! Some people are going to have an awful account to square in the judgment if they are not a bit more careful with their tongues before they get there. They tell everything they know—and some things they don't know. They hear something derogatory of another and they never even wait to get their hats, but peddle it all over the neighborhood without knowing whether it is the truth or a lie. Even though it were the truth, how much kindlier to be silent about it!

And then there are some people who will trifl with the name of Jesus or jest about the Son of God, and think it an evidence of mental superiority, or a particular kind of smartness that other people admire, like some young men out in a village grocery store. They were criticising the Bible and

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bragging about their skepticism. One of them, who seemed to be the leader, at last said: "Why, for a five-dollar bill I'd sign away all my right in Jesus Christ forever." An old farmer who had just stepped in and who understood human nature pretty well, heard him say it. He said, "What's that you said, young man?" and the young fellow pushed his chest out, and with a swagger repeated the sentence. "Well," said the farmer, "here's the money." He pulled a bill from his wallet and handed it to the storekeeper, and said, "Give it to him when he writes what I dictate. Now, young man, take this pencil and write." And as the old man dictated, the young man, not to be bluffed, began to write, "I, A. B., in the presence of these witnesses, do hereby for the sum of five dollars received, sign away, once for all and forever, all my right in—" and he laid down the pencil and said to the old man, "I was only fooling."

Just so do men flippantly take the name of Christ on their lips, criticize the Word of God, when they know little or nothing about it; deny the deity of the glorious Son of God, carelessly count His blood no uncommon thing. But God has written it down and, "By our words we shall be justified, and by our words we shall be condemned." "And the books were opened."

Second, the things you have done, as well as your words, will be written in the books. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

God is a sure paymaster. A godless, unchristian farmer, more prosperous than his Christian neighbors, one time wrote to the editor of a Christian paper and said, "I planted my grain on Sunday; I cultivated it on Sunday; I harvested it on Sunday; and threshed it on Sunday. It is now October; my barns are full of grain; I have more money in the bank than any of my Christian neighbors. I am more prosperous than any of them. Account for that, will you?" The editor replied, "God does not make full settlement in October."

"There is one thing you seem to forget," said Richelieu to Anne of Austria. "God is a sure paymaster. He may not pay at the end of every week, or every month, or every year, but I charge you to remember that He always pays in the end."

Listen to me, man, you can live a profligate and dissolute life, debauch your being, and disgrace your loved ones, but you will have to give an account to God. You can squander your wages in a poker joint and rob your wife and child of what ought to go to them. You can live in lust and like a beast, debauch your body and poison your offspring with your own contaminated blood, but God will settle your account some day. You can profane God's holy name and pollute the sanctity of God's holy day with needless pleasure, but God will not hold you guiltless. You can live for society and squander time and every asset of life worth having, but one day God is going to judge you for it, and when you stand face to face with your record there is one thing you can count on. You will be overwhelmed at the amount of sin against God. And there will be no escape, for the door of mercy will be forever shut.

Third, the secret things will be there, "in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my Gospel" (Rom. 2:16).

There is something about your life that no other human being knows, but God knows.

I read sometime ago of a woman who killed her husband by driving a nail into his skull. She covered the wound up so successfully that she was not suspected, and her husband was buried. Several years she lived on comfortably with her secret, but one day the grave-digger dug up this man's skull and there was the nail. He, of course, took it straight to the woman, and when she saw it, she threw up her hands, and cried, "My God, found out at last."

Friends, it will be exposed at last, and all things that you do

under cover of darkness will be brought to light in that day. "And the books were opened."

### III. But One Who Has Trusted Christ to Save Will Not Be Judged By His Works and Sins Recorded, But Is Saved By Grace

I thank God my name is not on those books. It was there, but listen, "And another book was opened which is the book of life," and that, thank God, is where my name is today, and that is where your name is if you are a child of God. Christ settled my account on Calvary two thousand years ago, and when I took Christ for myself and let His atoning work stand for me, my name was transferred from "the books" and written over on "the book of life," and the old record on "the books" was blotted out.

There have been glad moments and proud moments in almost everyone's life, but the world does not hold one thing over which a man may rejoice, whether it be military achievement, or literary distinction, or national honor, or political power that is worthy at the last to be compared as a reason for rejoicing with the fact that your name may be written in the Lamb's book of life.

I'd rather have my name written in that book than to have a quitclaim deed on all the gold and silver and diamond mines in the world. Money is all right and fame is all right and honor and pleasure and worldly emoluments are all right. But if I couldn't have these and have Heaven too, I would say:

*Lord, I care not for riches, neither silver nor gold.  
I would make sure of heaven; I would enter the fold;  
In the Book of thy Kingdom, on its pages so fair,  
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour, is my name written there?*

And, thank God, I know it is there. Not because I am worthy or so good, but because "I know whom I have believed," and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.

There was an old infidel out in Illinois and one day William Reynolds, the Sunday School missionary, went to see him. They told Mr. Reynolds not to speak to him about religion because it would make him very angry. The old infidel asked Mr. Reynolds to go up with him into the cupola of his barn and look at his great farm. When they got there, he said, "Mr. Reynolds, I came out here a poor boy when I was eighteen and I didn't own a cent, and now I own everything you can see in every direction. Look off in that direction; do you see those big fields of waving grain? They're all mine. Now look out in this direction; do you see those great pastures and meadow lands? They're all mine. Now look in that direction; do you see that great stretch of woodland? It's all mine. Now look in that direction; do you see those great herds of cattle and droves of sheep? They're all mine. I came out here a poor boy and now I own everything you see in that direction, and everything you can see in that direction. So said the old infidel as he pointed in the four directions of the compass.

"Well," said Mr. Reynolds, "you are a pretty rich man in all those directions, but how much do you own in that direction?" and Mr. Reynolds pointed up toward Heaven.

The rich old infidel looked up, and then he dropped his head on his breast and said, "I guess I don't own very much in that direction."

"And the books were opened." Heaven pity you, my friend, if you are a pauper in the sight of God!

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tion to the reader who may be unsaved. You have read the solemn warning of a judgment time when the record books will be opened for sinners. You may read the whole story in Revelation 20:11-15. It is as clear as the Bible can make it that every unregenerate, unconverted sinner, every person in the world who dies without being born again, will come to that judgment and be judged according to their works, out of the things written in the record books. If you are unsaved, your record will be there. You must face God for your sins. You must face the Christ you have rejected and neglected. Yes, sinners will receive their wages, will be judged according to their works, and then sent to the lake of fire, this Scripture account tells us.

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